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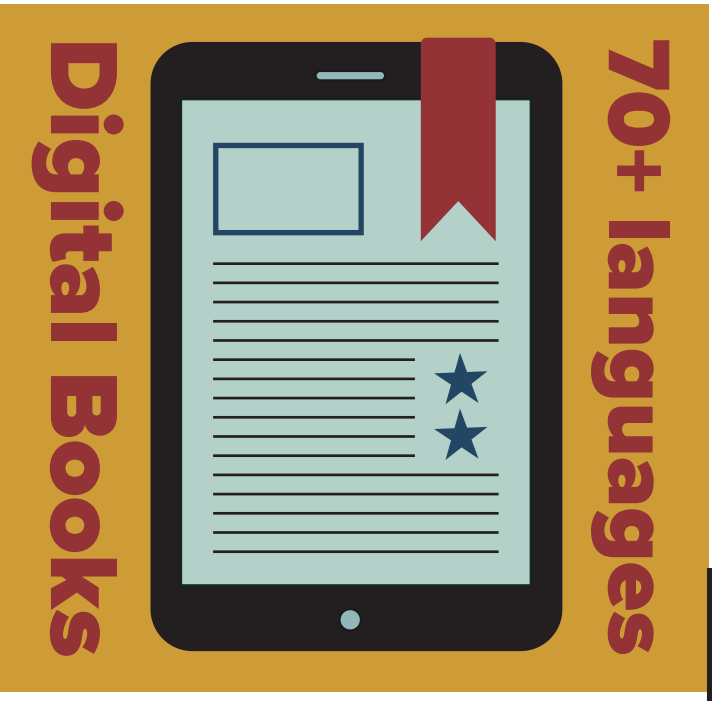

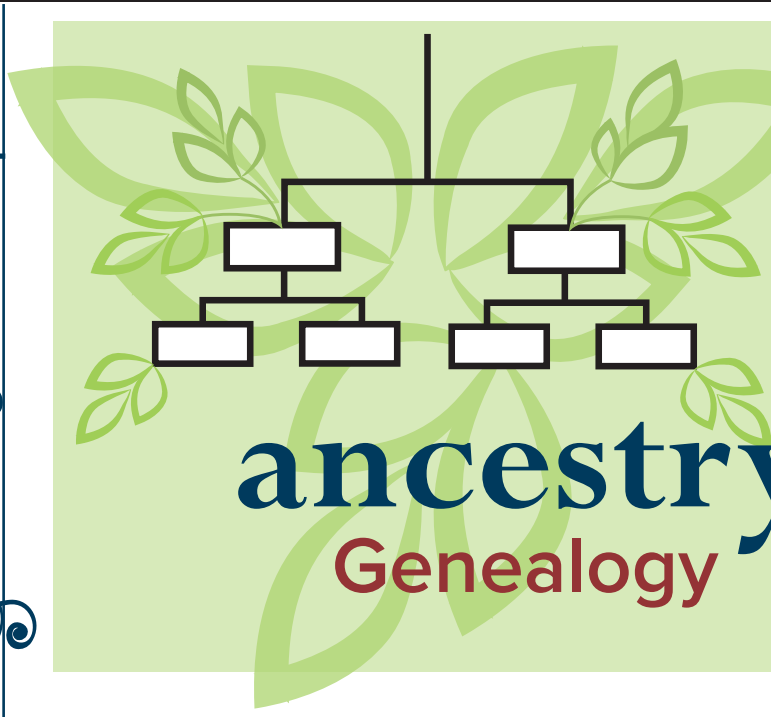

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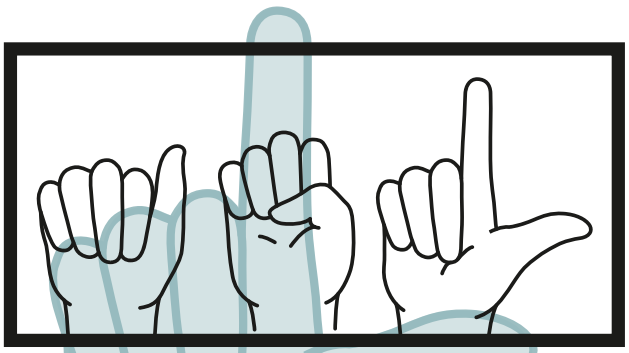

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Explore Our Online Resources

This fall, dive into our online resources for trusted information, expert insights, and helpful tools, all free with your library card.

Genealogy

Celebrate your roots during Family History Month and uncover your family's story with powerful genealogy tools:

- **Ancestry Library Edition:** Search billions of records to build your family tree.
- **Chicago Tribune Historical Archive:** Search obituaries and death notices (1860-2000).

Ratings and Reviews

Whether you're holiday shopping or reviewing your health coverage, we've got you covered:

- **Consumer Reports & Wirecutter** (through NYT): Find gift guides, ratings, and product reviews to shop smart.
- **Weiss Ratings:** Use the Medigap Report feature to compare supplemental Medicare plans during Open Enrollment.

New to the Library

We're excited to introduce three new resources:

- **Value Line:** Extensive coverage on stocks including expert analysis and unbiased commentary allowing investors to find the best stocks for their investment needs.
- **American Sign Language** (through Mango Languages): Immerse yourself in ASL with Mango's new language learning courses on the subject. App available.
- **LOTE4Kids:** Have storytime in another language with digital books in 70+ languages including Gujarati and Ukrainian. App available.

Start exploring today at mgpl.org/databases and make the most of your library card this season!

I'll take you there!

Storytimes and More . . .

Toddler Time

Ages 18–36 months with a parent/caregiver
Wednesdays, October 1–15 and November 5–19
10–11 am
Get your little one acquainted with the Library at this toddler-riffic storytime. To attend, children must be between 18 and 36 months old at the time of the class.

Wee Read

Birth to 24 months with a parent/caregiver
Fridays, 9:30–10:15 am or 11–11:45 am
(no class November 28)
Stories and songs for our littlest listeners. Please bring a tummy time mat or blanket for the baby. Older siblings welcome.

Sensory Stations

Ages 3–7 with a parent/caregiver
Saturday, October 4, 10–10:45 am
Drop in and play at our sensory stations during this mess-friendly program. Stations include shaving cream, noodles, yarn, and more!

Monday Morning Playgroup

Birth to age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, 9:30–11 am
Drop in for some open-ended play and meet new friends at our weekly playgroup.

Bedtime Stories & More

Birth to age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, October 6 and November 3, 6:30–7 pm
Wednesdays, October 22 and November 19, 6:30–7 pm
Spend time winding down for bed with a few stories and songs.

StoryWalk

Head to the Library for some outdoor family fun. The pages of a book are arranged on numbered signs around the Library lawn. Take a stroll and enjoy the book at your own pace.

October: *Lou* by Breanna Carzoo

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and Kellogg Hubbard Library.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Listen Up!
Birth to age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, 10–10:45 am or 11:15 am–12 pm
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more at this all-ages storytime!

FIREFLY FAMILY THEATRE PRESENTS: THE HARVEST MOON
Ages 2–7 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, October 9
10:30–11:30 am
Celebrate fall with Spark the firefly and her friends as they explore pumpkins, apples, falling leaves, and more.

Family Storytime
Birth to age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Saturdays, October 11 and November 15, 10–10:45 am
Bring the whole family to this storytime filled with books, songs, and fun.

Puppet Craft Storytime
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, October 16, 10–10:45 am
A puppet storytime for preschoolers. We'll each make a simple puppet craft then use them to act out our stories and songs. **R**

Cuddle Bugs Baby Massage
Birth to 24 months with a parent/caregiver
Saturday, October 18
10–11 am
Explore the health benefits and techniques of infant massage, stretching, and aromatherapy with certified infant massage instructor, Loredana Tomasello. This class will also include information on toddler techniques and parental self-care. **R**

Family Reading Night
Thursday, November 20
see page 6 for details

Teddy Bear Clinic
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, October 23, 10–11 am
Bring your favorite doll, toy, or stuffie for a check-up. Meet a real doctor and nurse from Advocate Children's Hospital and learn what it's like to go to the doctor. **R**

Mathematics Circus
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Sundays, October 26 and November 23, 2–3 pm
Come one, come all to a math-tacular spectacular! We'll leap into mathematics with games, stories, and creative play that add up to a circus full of fun. **R**

Motor Skills Morning
Ages 18–36 months with a parent/caregiver
Wednesdays, October 29 and November 26, 10–11 am
Drop in with your toddler for a variety of activities designed to build their motor skills and exercise their brains.

Halloween Storytime
Birth to age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, October 30, 10–10:45 am
Dress up in your costume (or come as you are) for some spook-tacular stories, songs, and Halloween fun.

Things That Go Storytime
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Saturday, November 1, 10–10:45 am
Enjoy stories, songs, and play focused on cars, trains, trucks, and vehicles galore. **R**

Mini Music Makers
Ages 2–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, November 13, 10–10:45 am
Feel the rhythm; hear the rhyme. It's Mini Music Maker time! **R**

Tots Dealing with Big Feelings Storytime
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, November 20, 10–10:45 am
We'll talk about managing feelings through stories, songs, and activities and leave this storytime with strategies to handle emotions that can be overwhelming. This session's feeling focus: calm. **R**

KIDS

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Art Contest

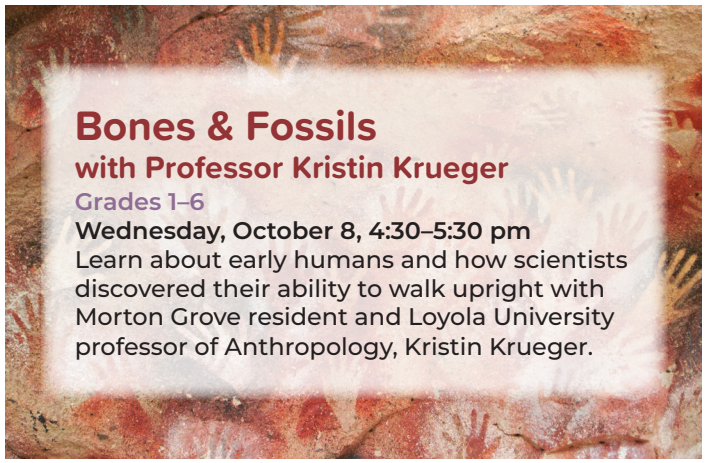
52nd Annual Children's Art Contest
Grades K–8
Friday, August 15 – Wednesday, October 15
Pick up an entry form and guidelines for this year's bookmark art contest at the Youth Services Desk or print them out online. Entries will be accepted at the Youth Services Desk through Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Only one entry is permitted per child, so make yours as colorful, detailed, and specially-crafted as you can. Winning entries will be published with the name and school of the artist, then distributed in the Library for all to admire and use.

Children's Art Contest Reception
All Ages
Monday, November 10, 7–8 pm
Join us in the Activity Room as we announce and celebrate the winners of the 52nd Annual Children's Art Contest!

LEGO Builders
Grades K–8
Thursdays, October 2 and November 6, 6:30–7:30 pm
Build something amazing with the Library's massive LEGO collection! Start with one of our monthly challenges then let your imagination guide you in a free build.

Middle School Hangout
Grades 5–8 (Ages 10–14)
Tuesdays, October 7 and November 4, 4–5 pm
De-stress and hang out with other middle schoolers! We'll provide snacks, activities, and games to get you through the school week.

The Pixar Movie Creative Writing Method
Grades 3–8
Tuesday, October 7, 7-8 pm
J.S. Puller, author of the novels *Captain Superlative* and *The Lost Things Club*, will share her tips and tricks for writing stories using Pixar films as inspiration. **R**


Bones & Fossils
with Professor Kristin Krueger
Grades 1–6
Wednesday, October 8, 4:30–5:30 pm
Learn about early humans and how scientists discovered their ability to walk upright with Morton Grove resident and Loyola University professor of Anthropology, Kristin Krueger.

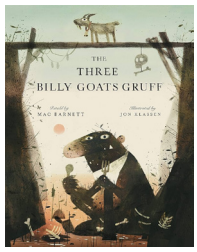
Crafty Saturday
All Ages
Saturdays, October 11 and November 8, 9:30 am–4:30 pm
Drop in the Youth Services Department to make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

A Minecraft Movie
All Ages
Monday, October 13, 10–11:45 am
Watch this family-friendly movie on the big screen. Snacks will be provided. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. (2025, PG, 1 hr 41 min).

STEAM Stop: Paper Tower Challenge
All Ages
Monday, October 13, 2:30–3:30 pm
Stop by the Activity Room for hands-on fun with science, technology, engineering, art, or math. You may join in at any time during the session. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up.

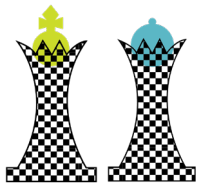
Read to a Rainbow Dog
Grades K–5
Tuesdays, October 14 and November 11
6:30–7:30 pm
Trained therapy dogs patiently listen to your child as they read from a book of their choice. Participants should be able to read independently for their full 15-minute session. To register, visit the Youth Services Desk or call 847-965-4220 x2. **R**

Bookaneers!



Grades K–2
Wednesday, October 15, 4:30–5:30 pm
Join us for a book adventure! We'll read a book out loud, then create props to act out exciting parts of the story together. This month's featured story is *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Mac Barnett. **R**

Chess Academy



Grades 1–8
Thursdays, October 16 and November 20
7–8 pm
Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome.

Goofball Science Club

Grades 5–8
Friday, October 17, 4:30–5:30 pm
Join us for a middle school hangout where we do the fun parts of science experiments. This month's theme is balloons. **R**

Family Crafting

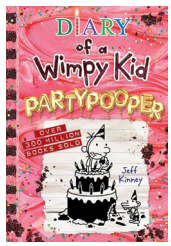
All Ages
Monday, October 20, 6:30–7:30 pm: Fall Leaves and Trees
Saturday, November 29, 10–11 am: Forest Animals
Drop in with the whole family to make fun fall crafts. Projects are intended for ages 3–10, though younger children with a grown-up and older children are welcome to participate.

Drama Club

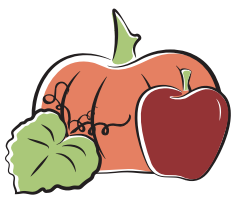
Grades 1–8
Tuesdays, October 21 and November 18, 5–6 pm
Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games. **R**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book Release Party

Grades 1–8
Tuesday, October 21, 6:30–7:30 pm
Happy birthday to Greg Heffley! Celebrate the release of Jeff Kinney's TWENTIETH Wimpy Kid Book, *Partypooper*. Compete in silly challenges, play wacky games, and win wimpy prizes. Five lucky kids will win a copy of the book!



Pumpkins & Apples on the Farm



Grades K–4
Wednesday, October 22, 4:30–5:30 pm
Learn about fall farm favorites, apples and pumpkins! Join the Cook County Farm Bureau for a story, snack, craft, and hands-on STEM activity. **R**

Puzzles & Prose

Family
Saturdays, October 25 and
November 22, 2–4 pm
Drop in for a relaxing afternoon doing jigsaw puzzles and listening to audiobooks. October: *Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist* series by Jim Benton. November: *Dragon Masters* series by Tracey West.

Family Engineering Night

All Ages
Thursday, October 30, 7–8 pm
Once a month, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up. This month's build: circuit cubes. **R**

LitLoot Middle School

Grades 6–8 (Ages 11–14)
November 1–14
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other goodies. To subscribe to November's box, register between November 1 and 14. We'll contact you when boxes are ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. **R**

Mini Masterpieces

Grades 1–5
Wednesday, November 5, 4:30–5:30 pm
Create like the great artists! We will look at the artwork of well-known artists and then use them as inspiration to create our own works of art. This session's artist: Romare Bearden. **R**

Family Reads

Grades 1–3
Wednesday, November 12
6:30–7:15 pm
Read the book of the month, *Welcome to the Woofmore* by Donna Gephart aloud at home with your family. Then bring a grown-up with you to discuss and explore the story with a hands-on activity. Registration for book club starts on October 1. After you register, pick up your free copy of the book of the month at the Youth Services Desk. **R**

KIDS

Jr. Puzzle Gauntlet
Grades 1–3
Thursday, November 13, 4:30–5:30 pm

Puzzle Gauntlet
Grades 4–8
Wednesday, November 19 4:30–5:30 pm

Do you have what it takes to beat the Puzzle Gauntlet? The Puzzle Master devised a series of devious challenges to test your STEAM skills and cunning to the max. Should you triumph, you will unlock the snack-a-licious treasure stash. **R**

Dungeons & Dragons
Grades 5–8
Saturday, November 15, 2–4 pm
Have you ever dreamed of fighting monsters or casting spells? Immerse yourself in the magical world of Dungeons & Dragons in this one-shot session. Snacks provided. All experience levels welcome. **R**

Thursday, November 20
Family Reading Night is an annual statewide event that encourages families to spend quality time reading together. To participate, register at the Youth Services Desk starting November 1 and pick up supplies and a free book. Then on Thursday, November 20, read as a family at home. (While supplies last; limit 1 bag and book per family.) **R**

Crafternoon
Grades K–8
Monday, November 24, 2–3 pm
Drop in for an afternoon of open-ended crafting with a wide variety of materials.

Molecular Gastronomy Lab
Tuesday, November 25
Grades 1–3: 2–3 pm
Grades 4–8: 4–5 pm
Explore kitchen chemistry! Use the power of science to turn liquids into edible spheres. Note: food additives in this program are gluten free, vegan, and kosher, but please be mindful of any food restrictions. **R**

TEENS

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LitLoot
Grades 9–12
October 1–13
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other free goodies. Subscribe to October's box at **mgpl.org/events**. We'll contact you when your box is ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. Library card required. **R**

Paying for College: What's Changing and What You Can Do (Online)
Thursday, October 23, 7–8 pm
This workshop will explore recent changes in financial aid. Learn tips on how to navigate and make informed decisions about each college's financial aid formulas. Review the college search, selection, and admissions process to help find the right colleges at an affordable price. **R**

STEMonade Stand
Stop by the STEMonade Stand located at our Lincoln Avenue entrance for project kits to do at home. Each kit is sealed inside a zip-top bag with instructions and STEM connections. For more information and updates on biweekly projects, visit **mgpl.org/stemonade**. When life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.

ADULTS

Senior Activity Kits

Stay busy and keep your brain active with creative activities and informational materials for seniors. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

Adult ESL Activity Kits

Practice English with monthly ESL Activity Kits for adults. Each kit may contain vocabulary puzzles, idioms, suggested activities, or a short reading exercise, along with the monthly issue of *Easy English News* newspaper. Suitable for all skill levels. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

Social Seniors

Join us for a variety of fun activities. Seating is limited, so register early to guarantee your spot. R

Bingo

Wednesdays, October 1 and November 5
10–11 am
Socialize as you play. Small prizes will be awarded to those who Bingo!

Arts and Crafts

Wednesdays, 10–11 am
October 8: Yarn Pumpkins
November 12: Book Page Gift Bags
Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project.

Trivia

Wednesdays, 10–11 am
October 15: Favorite Spooky Movies
November 19: Chicago History
Test your knowledge of iconic moments in history and pop culture.

Wits Workout

Wednesdays, October 22 and November 26
10–11 am
Maintain and enhance your cognitive function and memory with this interactive event.

Adult Show & Tell

Wednesday, October 29, 10–11 am
Participants are invited to bring one meaningful item and share the story behind it. R

Budgeting for the Holidays

Thursday, October 2, 2–3 pm
Find out how to avoid making impulse purchases and going overboard when holiday shopping. Presented by Jan Haggerty of the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois. R

ESL Games and Gab (Conversation)

Friday, October 3, 10–11 am
Practice your English conversation skills while playing games. R

Concert: Venti Wind Quintet

Sunday, October 5, 2–3 pm
The Venti Wind Quintet, made up of flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn, will perform a variety of musical styles ranging from classical to contemporary. R

Evening Craft for Adults and Teens

Tuesdays, 6–7 pm
October 7: Yarn Pumpkins
November 11: Book Page Gift Bags
Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project. R

Banned Book Café

Thursday, October 9
4:30–6 pm
Join us for light refreshments and conversations about book censorship. Attendees will receive a Right to Read tote bag (while supplies last).

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Healthy Living

Chair Yoga
Fridays, October 10 and November 14
9:30–10:30 am (In Person)
Led by certified yoga instructor Joan McGee.

Fridays, October 24 and November 28
9:30–10:30 am (Online)
Led by certified yoga instructor Susan Wilkens.

Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga, available online or in person. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. Please use a steady chair without arms (if possible). **R**

Understanding Menopause
Thursday, October 9, 2–3:30 pm
Physicians from Advocate Medical Group, Obstetrics & Gynecology, will provide information and answer questions about menopause. **R**

Optimal Aging
Thursday, October 23, 2–3 pm
Learn how you can modify and change your current lifestyle to help promote healthy aging. Presented by Debbie Friend of LifeCurrents. **R**

Crafting For Charity
Saturdays, October 11 and 25, November 8 and 22
9:30–11:30 am
Create handmade knitted and crocheted crafts for local organizations. Please bring your needles and/or hooks and some acrylic yarn. Seating is limited, so guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. We are currently accepting yarn donations. **R**

Understanding Medicare
Monday, October 13, 2–3 pm
Healthcare financial advisor Ethan Dickerson will explain Medicare, Medicare Advantage, supplemental prescription coverage, and how to choose the right plan. **R**

Picking the Right Medigap Plan & Best Rate (Online)
Thursday, October 16, 2–3 pm
Tom Kilkenny from Weiss Financial Ratings explains Medicare coverage, the role of Medigap plans, and how to find the best plan. **R**

Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode (Online)
Tuesday, October 21, 7–8 pm
Join Marissa Bode, the first wheelchair-using performer to play Nessarose in *Wicked*, for an inspiring talk on representation, resilience, and inclusivity in theater. **R**

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a state-wide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

MAKE IT with MGPL

Customized Bookmark with Cricut
Thursday, October 16, 6–7:30 pm
Friday, October 17, 10–11:30 am
Create a unique bookmark with permanent vinyl. **R**

Bath Bombs
Wednesday, October 29, 2–3 pm and 6–7 pm
Make a handmade bath bomb to take home or give as a gift. **R**

Thanksgiving Kitchen Towel
Saturday, November 15, 10 am–12 pm and 2–4 pm
Make a charming Thanksgiving Kitchen towel for your home or as a gift. Use pre-cut designs to customize your towel. Register for a one-hour time slot. **R**

Winter Card Making
Sunday, November 16, 2–3 pm
Use stamps, paper punches, and other fun embellishments to create fun and unique greeting cards perfect for the holiday season. **R**

Monogram Keychain with Cricut
Wednesday, November 19
2–3:30 pm and 6–7:30 pm
Design and create a customized keychain. **R**

MGPL CREATIVE SPACE — CRICUT MACHINE

Morton Grove cardholders ages 14 and up can make a reservation to create Cricut projects, such as paper crafts, vinyl decals, and personalized items. There will be a small cost for materials. For learning resources, project ideas and material costs and to request a reservation go to **mgpl.org/create**.

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THE ZOMBIE LIBRARIAN MYSTERY

Friday, October 24, 6:30–9 pm
Dr. Dewey is set to present his latest creation, the Zombie Librarian, when it suddenly disappears. Use your sleuthing skills to complete a series of fun puzzles and games to locate the missing Zombie Librarian. This program is for adults and grade 9 and above. **R**

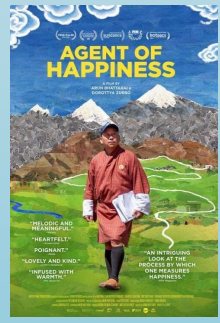
Charcuterie Boards Workshop

Friday, November 14, 7–8:30 pm
Cheers to Cheese will demonstrate how to create a holiday cheese and charcuterie tray, including ingredient selection, salami roses, centerpieces, and stylish cheese cutting techniques. Attendees are welcome to watch the program or follow along with the presenter. Registered participants will receive a grocery list if they wish to purchase supplies and participate. **R**

INDIE MOVIE NIGHT

A Samurai in Time
Wednesday, October 1
6–8:15 pm
A samurai who gets hit by lightning wakes up to find himself on a film set in the present day and starts to work as an extra on samurai films. (2023, NR, 2 hr 11 min, Japanese with English Subtitles) **R**

Agent of Happiness
Wednesday, November 5
6–7:45 pm
Amber, a happiness agent, travels the Bhutanese Himalayas to survey people's happiness while also searching for personal fulfillment (2024, NR, 1 hr 33 min, Nepali and Dzongkha with English Subtitles) **R**



TUESDAY MOVIES @ MGPL

The Ballad of Wallis Island
Tuesday, October 7
10–11:30 am

Walt Before Mickey
Tuesday, October 14
10–11:45 am

I Am Big Bird: The Caroll Spinney Story
Tuesday, October 21
10–11:30 am

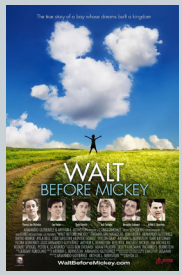
Little Shop of Horrors
Tuesday, October 28
10–11:45 am

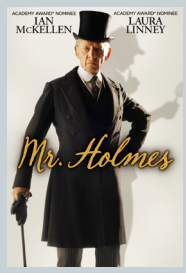
Karate Kid: Legends
Tuesday, November 4
10–11:30 am

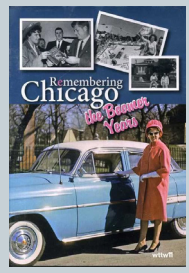
Mr. Holmes
Tuesday, November 11
10–11:30 am

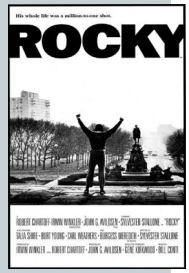
Remembering Chicago: The Boomer Years
Tuesday, November 18
10–11:30 am

Rocky (1976)
Tuesday, November 25
10 am–12 pm









Versiti Blood Drive Event
Saturday, October 25, 9–1 pm
Donate blood on Versiti's mobile bus, located in the Library's parking lot. Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Expect your appointment to take between 45 minutes to an hour. Donors must be at least 17 (16 with signed parental consent form) and weigh 110 pounds. Eat well and drink plenty of water before you arrive. Bring a photo ID. **R**

It Happened in Chicago
Thursday, October 30, 2–3 pm
Master storyteller William Pack will share little-known tales of Chicago's forgotten people, places, and neighborhoods, with stories that will surprise, entertain, and leave you seeing the city in a whole new light. **R**

Sew A Festive Placemat
Saturday, November 1, 2–4:30 pm
Sewing expert Mike Hall will teach the basic sewing machine stitches used to construct a festive placemat. Sewing machines and supplies will be provided.
Prior sewing machine experience is required. R

Cooking Presentation: "Entertaining" Seasonal Appetizers
Sunday, November 2, 2–3 pm
Chef Susan Maddox will demonstrate some exciting new recipes to liven up your guests' taste buds for the beginning of an enjoyable dinner. Samples will be served to in-person attendees. **R**

The Rise and Fall of the Doughboy
Thursday, November 6, 2–3 pm
Historical interpreter Terry Lynch discusses the origins of the term "doughboy" and the experiences and sacrifices of these brave infantrymen in World War I. **R**

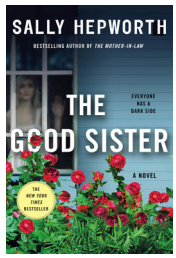
Meet Your Local Authors
Sunday, November 9, 2–3:30 pm
Enjoy a short presentation of several local authors' published works followed by a meet and greet.

Book Discussion Groups

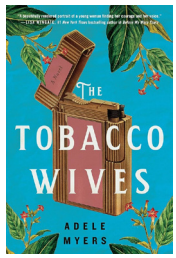
Readpool: Adult Graphic Novel Discussion Group (Online)

The Harrowing
by Kristen Kiesling
Monday, October 27, 7–8 pm **R**

Between the Lines



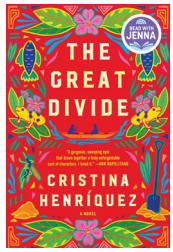
The Good Sister
by Sally Hepworth
Thursday, October 16
10–11 am (In Person)
Tuesday, October 21
7–8 pm (Online)



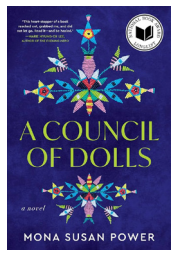
Tobacco Wives
by Adele Myers
Thursday, November 13
10–11 am (In Person)
Tuesday, November 18
7–8 pm (Online)

Between the Lines is held on two different days, either in person or on Zoom. New members are always welcome! **R**

LitLounge



The Great Divide
by Cristina Henriquez
Wednesday, October 8
7:30–9 pm



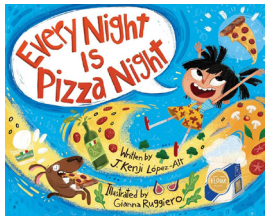
A Council of Dolls
by Mona Susan Power
Wednesday, November 12
7:30–9 pm

Meets monthly at the Skokie Public Library Cosmos Room.

Book Talk

Book Talk: Fall Reads
Friday, November 14, 10–11 am
Join us at the Morton Grove Senior Center, 6140 Dempster Street, for a roundup of the season's most captivating novels, from cozy mysteries to supernatural thrillers! Books will be available for checkout, so bring your library card. No registration is required.

Kenji López-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science (Online)
Tuesday, November 18, 7–8 pm
Join award-winning cookbook author, New York Times food columnist, and Serious Eats director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration.



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Awkward Photo Shoot
Friday, November 28, 10–1 pm
Drop by with friends or family and strike a pose to create your own delightfully awkward photo masterpiece.

Exploring Spices (Online)
Spice: Za'atar Seasoning Spice
Sunday, November 30, 2–3 pm
(pickup starts November 1)
Explore spices from around the world in this flavorful bi-monthly event. Pick up the spice of the month and then discover the taste by making any dish of your choice. At the end of the month, we will meet over Zoom to share results and experiences. **R**

Computers and Technology

Organize Your Files and Folders on iPhone
Monday, October 27, 2–3:30 pm
Learn how to organize your documents, images and other files. **R**

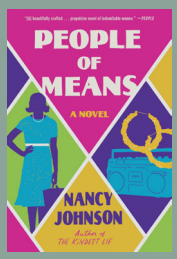
Organize Your Files and Folders on Android
Monday, November 3, 2–3:30 pm
Learn how to organize your documents, images and other files. **R**

Intro to Excel
Wednesday, November 12, 7–8:30 pm
Learn simple formatting and entering/editing data. **R**

Civic Engagement Book Picks

Visit **mgpl.org/civics** for staff-curated lists of resources related to a variety of topics. Not sure where to begin? We have selected a few titles to help you get started.

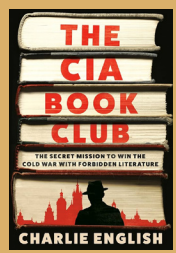
Anitracism



People of Means
by Nancy Johnson Medina

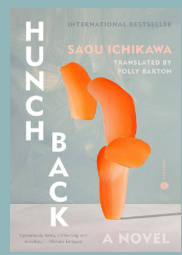
Banned Books & Censorship

The Librarians of Lisbon
by Suzanne Nelson



The CIA Book Club
by Charlie English

Disability Awareness



Hunchback
by Saō Ichikawa

6140 Lincoln Avenue
Morton Grove, IL 60053–2989

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Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am–9:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm
Saturday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Sunday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

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Events are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Call the Library at 847-965-4220 to confirm scheduled events.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Wednesday, November 26: Library closes at 5 pm for Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving Day

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Share Your Library Memories!

The Morton Grove Public Library isn't just about books; it's about you, our community, and the moments we've shared together this year. From storytimes and concerts to quiet afternoons reading by the windows, the Library has been full of discovery, creativity, and connection in 2025.

Now we want to hear from you! As we look back on 2025, we're collecting photos, quotes, and stories from our patrons. Did you attend a program that inspired you? Find a resource or used a service that made life easier? Capture a fun photo with friends or family in the Library? Tell us about it!

Your contributions will help us celebrate all the ways the Library brings people together, and some may even be featured in our year-end highlights. Share your memories by emailing them to **engagement@mgpl.org**.

Together, let's look back at 2025 and create a wrap-up that shows what makes the Library such a special part of our community.